

Copy of a letter in the University Library at Leipzig addressed to
 "President Clap:"

PHILADELPHIA, November 28, 1751.

Sir:

I am heartily sorry for your
 Disappointment in Letort; I would
 not have imagin'd he would have behav'd
 so imprudently, and let so very profitable
 a Jobb slip thro' his Fingers. I have
 done with him.

I hope you will be able to procure a
 Subscription to furnish your College with a
 compleat Apparatus for Natural Philoso-
 phy. If you are like to succeed I will con-
 tribute the Electrical Part.

Borver has lain ever since in Mr.
 Parker's Hands at New York. He desires
 you would order one of your Boatmen to
 call for it.

We had the Pleasure of a little of Mr.
 Whittelsey's Company a few Days since.
 I hope he will get well home.

My Respects to all Friends. Please
 to accept the enclos'd from, Dr Sir,

Your obliged huml
 Servt
 B. FRANKLIN.

On a question by Mr. Prime, the President decided that the
 action of a by-law cannot be suspended, but must be changed
 by amendment made in the usual manner.

New nomination 1331 was read, and after the reading of the
 rough minutes the Society was adjourned by the President.

Stated Meeting, December 6, 1895.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Present, 103 members.

Mr. Clarence S. Bement and Fred. D. Stone, newly-elected
 members, were presented to the Chair and took their seats.

Correspondence was submitted as follows :

A letter from the Kaiserliche Universitäts- und Landes-Bibliothek was referred to the Secretaries, with power to act.

Letters of envoy from the Société Royale des Sciences, Upsal, Sweden; Institut Physico-Geographique National, San José de Costa Rica, C. A.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Public Library, Wellington, N. Z. (143, 146); Institut Egyptien, Cairo, Egypt (143, 146); Soc. Imp. des Naturalistes, Moscow, Russia (143); Comité Géologique de la Russie, St. Petersburg, Russia (143, 146, 147); Tashkent Observatory, Tashkent, Russia (147); Société R. des Sciences, Upsal, Sweden (142, 144, 145); Colonial Museum, Haarlem, Holland (147); Dr. H. Snellen, Jr., Utrecht, Netherlands (147); Prof. A. F. Renard, Brussels, Belgium (147); Prof. Peter R. v. Tunner, Leoben, Styria (146, 147); Dr. Aristides Brezina, Vienna, Austria (147); Naturforschende Gesellschaft des Osterlandes, Altenburg, Germany (147); Prof. F. Reuleaux, Berlin, Prussia (147); K. Sächs. Meteorologisches Institut, Chemnitz (147); Naturforschende Gesellschaft, Emden, Prussia (147); Verein für Erdkunde, Halle a. S. (147); Deutsche Seewarte, Hamburg, Germany (147); Prof. E. Hæckel, Jena, Germany (146); Naturwissenschaftliche Verein, Osnabrück, Prussia (147); K. Geodätisches Institut, Potsdam, Prussia (147); Württembergische Verein für Handels-Geographie, Stuttgart (147); Marquis Antoine de Gregorio, Palermo, Sicily (143, 146); Prof. Guido Cora, Turin, Italy (143, 146); Société Française de Physique, Le "Cosmos," Prince Roland Bonaparte, M. A. Des Cloizeaux, Prof. E. Mascart, Marquis de Nadaillac, Paris, France (147); Société de Geographia, Toulouse, France (147); Mr. Samuel Timmins, Arley, Coventry, England (147); R. Astronomical Society, London, Eng. (147); Natural History and Philosophical Society, Belfast, Ireland (143, 146, 147); University of the State of New York (147, and *Trans.*, xviii, 2); Prof. James Hall, Albany, N. Y. (147); U. S. Weather Bureau (147), U. S. Department of Agriculture (71-77, 9-91, 100, 107-109, 141-147), Washington, D. C.; In-

stituto Fisico-geografico Nacional, San José de Costa Rica, C. A. (143, 146, 147); Museo Nacional, Buenos Aires, S. A. (143, 145, 146).

Accessions to the Library were reported from the Societatea Geografică Româna, Bucuresci; Société R. des Sciences, Upsal, Sweden; Société Batave de Philosophie Experimentale, Rotterdam, L. Holland; K. Sächs. Alterthums-Verein, Dresden; Prof. Dr. Paul Schreiber, Chemnitz, Saxony; Islenzka Fornleifafjelags, Reykjavik; Nova Scotian Institute of Science, Halifax; Boston Society of Natural History, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Boston, Mass.; Mr. Andrew McFarland Davis, Cambridge, Mass.; Agricultural Experiment Station, Storrs, Conn.; Historical and Library Association, Yonkers, N. Y.; Prof. E. J. James, Dr. Prof. Lewis M. Haupt, C. A. Oliver, Philadelphia; Cincinnati Public Library, Society of Natural History, Cincinnati, O.; University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; Library Association, Portland, Ore.; Instituto Fisico-geografico Nacional, San José de Costa Rica, C. A.; a photograph of Mr. Peter F. Rothermel, Linfield, Pa., for the Society's Album, from Mr. Julius F. Sachse.

The death was announced of Mr. William J. Potts, Camden, N. J., November 18, 1895, æt. fifty-three, and the President was requested to appoint a member to prepare an obituary notice.

The report of the Treasurer was read, giving in detail the receipts and expenditures, and, in accordance with the laws, was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Publication Committee reported their proceedings during the year and offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Publication Committee recommend to the Society that the Board of Secretaries shall have the power to dispose, by gift or sale, of the *Proceedings* of the Society in excess of twenty numbers each, in compliance with applications from individuals or Societies.

Resolved, That the Society be recommended to direct the publication of obituary notices hereafter, separate from the *Proceedings* or *Transactions* of the Society.

On motion, duly seconded, the recommendations of the Publication Committee were approved.

The special Committee on Collations made a final report and asked discharge, which was granted.

The President announced the appointment of Hon. Craig Biddle and Hon. Mayer Sulzberger to fill vacancies in the Henry M. Phillips Prize Essay Fund Committee.

The following papers were read by titles and referred to the Secretaries:

“The Hypenoid Moths and Allied Groups,” by A. Radcliffe Grote, A.M.

“An Early Essay on Proportional Representation,” by Edmund J. James.

Dr. D. G. Brinton explained the contents of his paper on the “Matagalpan Linguistic Stock.”

Pending nomination 1331 for membership, and new nominations 1332, 1333, were read.

Curator Morris offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Curators be authorized, in accordance with the policy heretofore adopted, to deposit at the Pennsylvania Museum and School of Industrial Art, such medals and casts as are at present in the museum of the Society, under the same conditions as are attached to our collection of coins, medals and casts now deposited at the Pennsylvania Museum, and to take proper receipt for them.

Dr. Persifor Frazer offered the following resolutions, which, on motion duly seconded, were unanimously approved:

WHEREAS, Chapter II, Section 5. of the Laws of the American Philosophical Society ordains that “no one shall be esteemed a qualified voter at the election who has not subscribed the Laws,” etc., etc.; and,

WHEREAS, The book in which the signatures of members of the Society have been inscribed contains the old but not the now existing Laws of the Society; and,

WHEREAS, It would entail many difficulties and inconveniences to commence a new list of signatures after every change in the Laws or to attach every change to the old book now in use. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Society regards the affixing of a signature to the pages devoted to that purpose in the present book to be the performance of the duty required above, and that this act be duly declared to be “subscribing to the Laws of the Society” in force at the time of such act.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution, duly attested by the Secretaries, be attached to the book containing the signatures.

Mr. McKean raised the question as to whether attendance at an annual election was an attendance at a meeting within the meaning of the laws as to qualification for voting at a subsequent annual election.

After discussion by Gen. Wistar, Prof. Houston, Mr. Price and others, the following resolutions were offered by Mr. Price, duly seconded, and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That attendance and voting at any annual election held by the Society shall not be considered as a qualification for voting at the next annual election.

Resolved, That the judges of the election be informed by the Secretary of the adoption of the above resolution.

After reading the rough minutes, the Society was adjourned by the President.

Stated Meeting, December 20, 1895.

The President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Present, 41 members.

Mr. C. C. Harrison, a newly-elected member, was presented to the Chair, and took his seat.

Minutes of preceding meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence was submitted as follows :

A letter from Rev. E. A. Foggo, D.D., Philadelphia, requesting a certificate of membership, not having received the one sent him.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Naturf. Gesellschaft, Dorpat, Russia (143, 146); Société Physico-Mathématique, Kasan, Russia (147); Académie R. de Belgique (143); Société R. Malacologique de Belgique, Bruxelles (142-147); K. K. Universitäts Sternwarte, Prag, Bohemia (147); K. K. Central-Anstalt für Meteorologie und Erdmagnetismus (143, 147); K. K. Naturhistorische Hofmuseum, Vienna, Austria (147); Redaction der *Naturwissenschaftlichen Wochenschrift*, Berlin, Prussia (147); Verein